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Deputy Secretary
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Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter joins others urging you to reconsider the present United States policy toward the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

I believe IIASA's value is that it provides an important international forum for studying applied systems analysis problems; it is unique in its involvement of Soviet and Eastern European scholars. The quality of the scientific work produced by IIASA has been very creditable given the international character of the organization, and in some cases, the work is distinguished. As an example of the latter, I would especially mention the energy study, "Energy in a Finite World", undertaken by Wolf Hafele during the mid to late seventies.

In my judgement, IIASA can make an important contribution to US international science and technology objectives. The organization undertakes valuable research in a manner that encourages international cooperation in addressing subjects of transnational concern. I trust that a review of the present US policy toward IIASA would result in a more supportive posture by the US government.

For those concerned about technology transfer, I would suggest that IIASA is of minimal significance compared to other avenues which are available to the Soviets. Moreover, IIASA may be one of the more important mechanisms we have for learning about Soviet and Eastern European planning methods and attitudes on a broad range of subjects of technical concern.

Sincerely yours,


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